

DETAILED ACTION
Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Todd Deveau on April 6, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Please delete the current abstract and replace the abstract with the following paragraph:

The invention relates to a method for the preparation of a meat substitute product in which a protein, a hydrocolloid which precipitates with metal cations and water are mixed at elevated temperature until a homogenous mixture is formed. The mixture is mixed with a solution of a metal cation with a valency of at least 2 to form a fibrous product. The fibrous product is then obtained. The invention also describes the meat substitute product which is obtained with the aid of the method according to the invention.

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 2, after the word "agent" and before the word "added" please insert the word "is".

In claim 7, after the words "amount of" and before the word "calcium complex-forming agent" please insert the word "the".

In claim 14, please replace the word "such" with "said finishing".

In claim 21, please replace the word "it" with "the fibrous product".

In claim 27, please replace the ";" with ",".

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims have been allowed as a result of the Board Decision mailed March 29, 2011.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KELLY BEKKER whose telephone number is (571)272-2739. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Tarazano can be reached on (571) 272-1515. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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